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REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. Claim 2 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 24 and 25 have been added by the present amendment. The amendments are fully supported by the application as originally filed.

Independent claims 1, 20, and 23 are pending in the application. For example, claim 1 recites an information processing device including a log recording/reproducing section which creates log data including history data of operations executed by a data creating section and a data reference section when creating the data file. All of the independent claims recite: creating "log data including history data of operations executed by said data creating section and said data reference section when creating the data file."

New claim 24 recites that the reference data is data that is referred to in creating the data file (see, e.g., specification at page 14, lines 10-16). New claim 25 recites that the log recording/reproducing section further controls the data creating section and the data reference section to re-execute the operations stored in the log data so as to reproduce the references made to the reference data in creating the data file (see, e.g., page 32, 3rd par. to page 33, 3rd par.).

Claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,687,878 to Eintracht et al. ("Eintracht") in view of U.S. Patent 6,040,920 to Ichiriki. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Eintracht and Ichiriki references, whether taken alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest creating "log data including history data of operations executed by said data creating section and said data reference section when creating the data file," as recited in the independent claims.

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On page 2, last paragraph of the Office Action of 09/01/2005, it was stated that "Eintracht discloses a log recording/reproducing section which ... creates log data including history data of operations executed by users when creating data..." (emphasis added).

However, Applicant's claimed invention requires the log/recording reproducing section to create log data including history data of operations executed by a data creating section, not by users.

The Ichiriki reference was cited allegedly for teaching a data creating section and a data reference section, which are missing from Eintracht. Even if Eintracht and Ichiriki were somehow combined, the proposed combination would result in Eintracht no longer being able to store and reproduce annotations.

Assuming that Eintracht and Ichiriki were combined for the purpose of allowing "a user to create new documents with annotations" (see Office Action, page 3, 2nd paragraph), it is noted that Eintracht already achieves this purpose by storing user-entered annotations in a database. However, Applicant's claimed invention requires creating log data including history data of operations executed by a data creating section, not user operations. If Eintracht were somehow modified to log operations according to the teachings of Ichiriki, then Eintracht would no longer be able to log user-entered annotations. As a result, users would not be able to create documents with annotations, thereby destroying the utility of Eintracht.

The Applicant's claimed invention requires creating log data executed by a data creating section and a data reference section. Although Ichiriki discloses a process for creating reference information using a reference information generating section (see column 12, line 65 to column 13, line 5), there is no teaching or suggestion in Ichiriki and no motivation to log a history of operations related to this reference information.

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Regarding new claims 24 and 25, the claimed "reference data" is referred to in creating the data file. However, in Ichiriki, the reference information is information for referring to a document, such as a hyperlink. Ichiriki does not teach or suggest referring to reference data to create a data file.

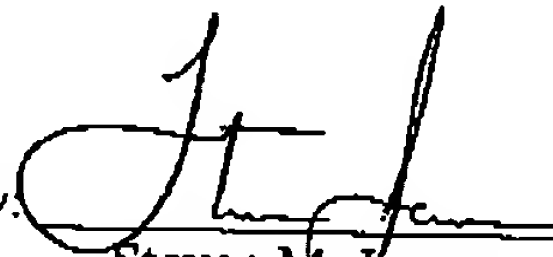
For at least the reasons discussed above, the proposed combination of Eintracht in view of Ichiriki does not teach or suggest the Applicant's claimed invention. Therefore, independent claims 1, 20, and 23, and their respective dependent claims, are patentable over this combination.

It is believed that the claims are in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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